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1. PER REFTEL, EMBASSY NOMINATES ABDOULIE BAYO FOR OCA MUSEUM MANAGERS PROJECT. BORN DEC 10, 1951, IN KAUR, MID, BAYO IS SINGLE. HIS ADDRESS IS: GAMBIA CULTURAL ARCHIVES, THE QUADRANGLE, BANJUL.

2. BAYO HAS BEEN RESEARCH ASSISTANT IN CULTURAL ARCHIVES FOR PAST SIX MONTHS. THERE HE HELPS IN PRESERVING AND CATALOGUING ORAL TRADITION AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC. HE ALSO PREPARES SENEGAMBIAN ARTIFACTS, CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL MATERIAL FOR DISPLAY IN NATIONAL MUSEUM WHICH IS TO BE ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR.

3. A MUSLIM, BAYO SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AS WELL AS WOLOF AND MANDINKA. HE GRADUATED FROM GAMBIA HIGH SCHOOL IN 1972, HAVING SUCCESSFULLY PASSED HIS GCE "O" LEVEL EXAMINATIONS. FROM 1973-75 HE SERVED AS CENSUS OFFICER AND ENUMERATOR IN GOVERNMENT STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

4. BAYO WAS ACTIVE IN SPORTS AND HAS INTEREST IN HORTICULTURE. HE HAS NOT TRAVELED OUTSIDE WEST AFRICA. HE WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO VISIT NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUMS.

5. HE IS WILLING TRAVEL IN GROUP, WOULD SHARE ROOM, AND WANTS VISIT WITH U.S. FAMILIES. HE HAS NO PREFERENCES RE UNCLASSIFIED

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ESCORT AND WOULD BE GLAD SPEAK TO GROUPS.

6. BAYO IS YOUNG AND LACKS MUCH MUSEUM EXPERIENCE, BUT HE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY GAMBIA'S SENIOR ARCHIVIST (AND FORMER IV GRANTEE) B. K. SIDIBE, FOR WHOME HE SERVES AS SENIOR ASSISTANT. BAYO WILL PLAY KEY ROLE IN ESTABLISHMENT GAMBIA'S FIRST MUSEUM. HE IS KEEN, ALERTAN AND WOULD FIT IN WELL WITH OCA EXPERIENCE.

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